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SUBJECT: GATT STANDARDS CODE

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1. WE DELIVERED THE TEXT CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO SCHLOESSER ON MAY 22. WE DREW ON PARA 3 OF REFTEL FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. SCHLOESSER SAID THAT HE WOULD DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE TEXT TO MEMBERS OF THE MEMBER STATE DELEGATIONS BUT THERE WOULD NOT BE TIME FOR A GROUP DISCUSSION OF IT PRIOR TO THE JUNE 4-8 GENEVA MEETING AS THERE IS NO OCCASION FOR INTERNAL EC DISCUSSION THIS WEEK AND THE COMMISSION IS CLOSED ON MAY 31 AND JUNE 1.

2. SCHLOESSER ADDED THAT HE EXPECTED THE GATT WORKING GROUP TO FINISH ITS DRAFT AT THE JUNE 4-8 MEETING. THE DRAFT, HOWEVER, WOULD BE HEAVILY BRACKETED. THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF REGIONAL STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED AT THE BEGINNING, HE SAID. THE EC ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THAT A DISTINCTION BE MADE BETWEEN PERMANENT INSTITUTIONS WITH STANDARDS MAKING POWERS SIMILAR TO INDIVIDUAL STATES AND AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS, E. G.
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AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAPAN AND CANADA FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A STANDARD BETWEEN THEM. FOR THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID, THE ELIMINATION OF INTERNAL BARRIERS TO TRADE BY THE CREATION OF COMMON STANDARDS IS A RELIGION. THE COMMUNITY IS WILLING TO ADOPT INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR ITSELF AND HAS IN SEVERAL CASES. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT WILLING TO COMMIT ITSELF TO ANY SYSTEM WHICH WOULD SLOW DOWN ITS OWN INTERNAL STANDARDS PROGRAM WHEN IT APPEARS
THAT THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME FRAME.
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